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In re Application of

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METHODS FOR STERILIZING PREPARATIONS OF DIGESTIVE ENZYMES

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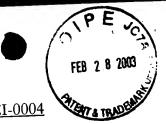
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 6, 7, 9-21, 23-37, 39-40, 42, 44, and 47-58 as follows: A.

# Amended Claims With Mark-ups to Show Changes Made

(Amended) [A] The method [for sterilizing a preparation of one or more digestive 6. enzymes that is sensitive to radiation, said method comprising:] according to claim 5, wherein said[